



# **Paul Gilroy: “The history of our movement against racism has to be understood as an asset in the consolidation of Europe’s beleaguered democracy”**

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Paul Gilroy is known as a path-breaking scholar and historian of the music of the Black Atlantic diaspora, as a commentator on the politics of race, nation and racism in the UK, and as an archaeologist of the literary and cultural lives of the African diaspora. According to the US Journal of Blacks in Higher Education he has been consistently among the most frequently cited black scholars in the humanities and social sciences. His keynote address at the Werkstatt der Kulturen (Berlin) on the occasion of the [Postcolonial Justice conference](#) organized by Potsdam University on May, 30th 2014 is entitled 'The Struggle against Racism



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